Academia del Arte activities given

Academia del Arte gallery will have summer programs for artists, dancers, and basket weavers, it was announced this week.

A tongue-in-cheek theme was used for the current multi-media art show "You Call This Art?" featuring the gallery's muralists and the Tortuga Patrol. It may be viewed through June 30 at 19 East Lake Ave. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Featured is the work of Ray Romo and Ralph d'Oleivera, gallery muralists, and Daniel Ramirez, John Huerta, Sylvia Torres, and Gilbert Sanchez. Jan Naftulin is the new curator.

Romo whose art signature is "Soy Yo" is exhibiting oils of "beautiful women and old timers, and lithographs of the "moonlit jungle, and men in flight," and watercolors of a potted plant and a beach "where a chiseled head is a promontory."

d'Oleivera goes under the name of "Spaniel" and depicts "the tension between life and death in solid planes and colors. His watercolor self-portrait shows gentleness and affection."

Ramirez, 20, is a self taught artist and has two pieces on display. Huerta, 23, from Aromas, does detailed ink drawings. Sylvia Torres, Watsonville High School student, is showing work that uses laminated paper on wood and also a ceramic collection. Sanchez, 16, a Renaissance High School student, has drawings on exhibit. He is working on a mural at the school and has been with the Tortuga Patrol for a month.

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Beginning June 28, and continuing for four weeks, the gallery will offer basic weaving techniques taught by Fe Bongolan. She will teach basic coil and twine basketry as well as off-loom weaving to children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. and to adults on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m.

She will stress the textile arts history of Central America, Mexico and the Philippines.

The $7.50 fee covers costs of basketry and weaving materials. There is no charge for senior citizens. The classes are open to the public.